

Truckers update

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Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, U.S. DHS began requiring non-U.S. individuals seeking to enter the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.- Mexico and U.S.- Canada borders to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. These new restrictions will apply to non-U.S. individuals who are traveling for both essential and non-essential reasons. They will not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals." [Link](#)

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- There were close to 8,000 people on Parliament Hill at its peak yesterday.
- The Majority of the crowd had dispersed by the early evening of 29 Jan.
- Individual actions overnight on 29-30 Jan resulted in broken windows to a City of Ottawa heavy vehicle.
- A news conference is scheduled at an undisclosed location in Ottawa with protest leaders at 13:00 EDT, 30 Jan.
- Planned Activities on Parliament Hill on 30 Jan include a religious service, planned marches from Nicholas /Zibi at 11:00 EDT (likely delayed) and an address from Maxime Bernier at 12:00 EDT. Also, a potential for a press conference by organizers, no confirmed time.
- Some small convoys are still coming into the City.
- Currently there are approximately 150-200 people on Parliament Hill, and foot traffic in the vicinity (front of Wellington) totals approximately 200-250 people.
- Vehicular traffic in the city core is still highly congested.
- On 29 Jan a NOTAM was issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.
- Additional demonstrations took place in several cities across Canada.
- Demonstrations took place at several border points of entry, notably Woodstock, NB, Windsor, ON, Carway and Coutts, AB, Emerson MB.

Preparedness and Response efforts

- NCRCC has confirmed that anyone needing to get to work from Quebec (first responders, police, health care workers) can show their work ID/badge at the Chaudière Bridge and then access to Ottawa through Booth St.
- Minister Mendicino stated that Ottawa's police officers will be supported by other police and national security forces. [Link](#)
- On 29 Jan, The Solicitor General of ON submitted a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) to support the OPS with the use of a CAF facility (parking lot at the Cartier Square Drill Hall on Queen Elizabeth Drive). The same day, MEP in consultation with MND, approved the RFA.

- **OPS is reiterating that people should not come into the core unless it is necessary.**
- **For residents and businesses in the core, police are working to mitigate the impacts of the demonstration, such as gridlock and parked vehicles.**
- For information on planned traffic routes and road closures as of 11:30 EDT please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#)
- For near-real time updates on the city of Ottawa road closures and traffic updates, please refer to Traffic.Ottawa.ca and updates on [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event has been peaceful thus far.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

On behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG Government Operations Centre.

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